

1 SB199  
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3 By Senator Shelnutt  
4 RFD: Health and Human Services  
5 First Read: 16-FEB-17

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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a minor who is 14 years  
9 of age or older may consent to medical, dental,  
10 health, or mental health services for himself or  
11 herself.

12 This bill would allow a person who is 18  
13 years of age or older to consent to any legally  
14 authorized medical, dental, health, or mental  
15 health research for himself or herself.

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17 A BILL  
18 TO BE ENTITLED  
19 AN ACT

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21 To amend Section 22-8-4, Code of Alabama 1975,  
22 relating to consent to medical services; to establish the age  
23 of consent for medical research.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. Section 22-8-4, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
26 amended to read as follows:

27 "§22-8-4.

1           "(a) Any minor who is 14 years of age or older, or  
2 has graduated from high school, or is married, or having been  
3 married is divorced or is pregnant may give effective consent  
4 to any legally authorized medical, dental, health, or mental  
5 health services for himself or herself, and the consent of no  
6 other person shall be necessary.

7           "(b) A minor who is 18 years of age or older may  
8 give effective consent to any legally authorized medical,  
9 dental, health, or mental health research for himself or  
10 herself, and the consent of no other person shall be  
11 necessary."

12           Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
13 first day of the third month following its passage and  
14 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.